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SECTION A: GRAMMAR

For question 1 to 25, choose the word or phrase which best completes each of the sentences. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

1. Last year, Sonheavy earned _____ her brother, who has a better position.
A. twice as much as
B. twice more than
C. twice as many as
D. twice as more as
2. _____, he would have been able to pass the exam.
A. If he studied more
B. If he was were studying to a greater degree
C. Studying more
D. Had he studied more
3. Of the two new teachers, one is experienced and _____.
A. the others are not
B. another is inexperienced
C. the other is not
D. other lacks experience
4. Soniza's score on the test is the highest in the class; _____.
A. she should study last night
B. she should have studied last night
C. she must have studied last night
D. she must had to study last night
5. The chairperson requested that _____.
A. the members studied more carefully the problem
B. the problem was more carefully studied
C. with more carefulness the problem could be studied
D. the members study the problem more carefully
6. The fact that space exploration has increased dramatically in the past thirty years _____.
A. is an evidence of us wanting to know more of our solar system
B. indicates that we are very eager to learn all we can about our solar system
C. how we want to learn more about the solar system
D. is pointing to evidence of our intention to know a lot more about what is called our solar system
7. _____ received law degrees as today
A. Never so many women have
B. Women who have never
C. The women aren't ever
D. Never have so many women
8. _____ that managers commit in problem solving is jumping to a conclusion about the cause of a given problem.
A. Major errors
B. Since the major error
C. The major error
D. Of the major error
9. _____ what caused the universe to evolve is debatable.
A. Whether scientists can truly determine
B. Can scientists truly determine
C. Whether scientists can determine true
D. Scientists can truly determine
10. The assignment for Monday is to write _____ about your hometown.
A. a five-hundred-word competition
B. a five-hundred-words competition
C. a five-hundreds-words competition
D. a five-hundreds-word competition

11. An understanding of the terms used in educational statistics is considered _____ of the professional preparation of teachers.
 A. as essential as B. partly essential C. an essential part D. a part is essential
12. _____ show how a long, drawn-out period of idleness affects all aspects of a person's life.
 A. The study of unemployment B. Studies of unemployment
 C. Unemployment was studied and D. Unemployment is studied
13. _____ advent of the Second World War, Japan became the dominant force in the automobile industry.
 A. The B. It was during the C. While the D. With the
14. In the financial world, where knowledge is power, anyone _____ information in advance is in a position to profit.
 A. receives B. who receives
 C. who does he receive D. If he receives
15. Only after they are tanned _____ resistance to decomposition.
 A. can animal skins become B. animal skins can become
 C. that animal skins can become D. can become animal skins
16. Sheep are typically timid and defensible, _____ the leader and to flock together.
 A. they are tending to follow B. following the tendency of
 C. with a tendency of following D. tending to follow
17. During a hurricane, _____ to keep the air pressure equalized.
 A. partially opening some windows B. some windows should open partially
 C. it partially opens some windows D. there should be some windows partially opened
18. Recent archaeologist studies indicate that Condios was established by A.D. 900, _____ making it the oldest continuously occupied village in Argentina.
 A. however B. and C. thus D. when
19. _____, work songs often exhibit the song culture of a people in a fundamental form.
 A. They occur where they are B. Occurring where
 C. Where they occur D. Where do they occur
20. _____ the most versatile of the common metals, lead was widely valued and used in ancient times.
 A. Among B. It is C. Therefore D. That it is
21. Scientists think _____ helps some trees to conserve water in the winter.
 A. when losing leaves B. leaves are lost
 C. that losing leaves D. the leaves losing
22. The myth _____ elephants' graveyard arose from their instinct to wander away from the herd when they sense their death approaching.
 A. of there being B. if there is C. that there is D. which is

- 24.** Located on either side of the Bosphorus, _____.

For question 26 – 33, choose one of the options (A, B, C, or D) that is nearest in meaning to the underlined words. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

- A. parts B. changes C. problems D. details

For question 34 – 40, choose one option (A, B, C, or D) that best completes the gap in the each sentence. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

34. Vegetables are _____ component of well-balanced diet.
A. an abundant B. a necessary C. a scarce D. a pleasant
35. The number of young people who _____ crimes has risen sharply in recent years.
A. commits B. testifies C. charges D. prosecutes
36. It's hard to _____ the differences between Singaporean and Malay English. They sound the same to me.
A. debate B. discern C. discard D. determine
37. Since none of us had predicted the winner, everyone was _____ by the results of the elections.
A. perturbed B. delighted C. encouraged D. astounded
38. Riot police tried to _____ the demonstrators with tear gas and water canon.
A. repel B. consult C. negotiate D. report
39. He is a great guy. He donated large amount of his own money to help the people who live in _____.
A. comfort B. luxury C. poverty D. prosperity
40. Increasing the gasoline price will _____ everyone because we own vehicles.
A. influence B. assist C. benefit D. affect

For question 41 – 50, read the passage and choose one word from the options (A, B, C or D) below the passage to fill in the gap. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

Many visitors to Cambodia are left (41)_____ by the presence of spirit house. These small shrines are seen throughout the country, and look like tiny temples mounted on pillars. They are used by both Buddhists and (42)_____ minorities in order to show respect to the recently departed. Buddhists believe that leaving (43)_____ at the spirit houses wishes luck in the next life for the recently (44)_____, who are awaiting reincarnation in the underworld. In doing so, they also believe that they are giving themselves good luck. As such, it is not uncommon to see spirit houses at (45)_____ and homes throughout Southeast Asia.

The ethnic minority followers of animism in the more remote parts of Cambodia also (46)_____ in the use of spirit house. However, the spirit houses play a much more (47)_____ role in their lives. According to animist (48)_____, the recently departed must exist as spirits in the forest until they are reincarnated. They take great care in not (49)_____ the spirits, as they believed that unfortunate events such as disease are caused by angered spirits. Thus they leave offerings at the spirit houses in hopes of (50)_____ illness, often in lieu of seeking medical treatment.

41. A. disturbed B. wordless C. puzzled D. stunned
42. A. animist B. Muslim C. atheistic D. Christian
43. A. gifts B. offerings C. contributions D. donations

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| 44. A. buried | B. died | C. cremated | D. deceased |
| 45. A. trades | B. businesses | C. companies | D. industries |
| 46. A. consider | B. believe | C. suppose | D. judge |
| 47. A. considerable | B. momentous | C. noteworthy | D. significant |
| 48. A. folklores | B. traditions | C. myths | D. institutions |
| 49. A. offending | B. hurting | C. criticizing | D. attacking |
| 50. A. fixing | B. overcoming | C. remedying | D. treating |

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION

For question 51 – 58, read the following incomplete paragraphs and choose the best ending for each of them. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

51. In Cambodia it is the women who take charge of trade. For this reason a Chinese, arriving in the country, loses no time in getting himself a mate for _____.
 A. Cambodian ladies are beautiful and respectful
 B. he will find her commercial instincts a great asset
 C. he needs a wife as a companion
 D. Chinese and Cambodians are compatible
52. The tulip is a flower that originally grew in Turkey. In the 17th century it became very popular in Holland. Some Dutch merchants became very rich by importing tulips. They sold them to the _____.
 A. Turkish at very high prices
 B. Dutch at very high prices
 C. Turkish at very low prices
 D. Dutch at very low prices
53. Tourism continues to be a growing industry. Every year more and more people take trips to another part of the world for pleasure. This growth does not seem to be affected by the fact that local conflicts continue in many areas. The tourist industry also doesn't seem to suffer during periods of economic difficulty. People may spend less money on other things in these periods, but they continue to spend money on travel. In recent years, in fact, _____.
 A. tourism has declined by an average of 16%
 B. people spent 16% more money on English courses
 C. tourism has grown by about 16%
 D. people have preferred to stay home
54. The population of the earth has been growing at a rapid rate. In 1700, there were about 500 million people in the world. By 1850, the population had grown to one billion. In the next 100 years, the population more than doubled. In 1950, it was _____.
 A. about two and a half billion
 B. less than a million
 C. over five million
 D. just over a million
55. Sixty-five million years ago, the age of dinosaurs suddenly came to an end. The dinosaurs all disappeared from the earth. Scientists have always wondered why this happened. A new discovery in Mexico may give them the answer. The discovery is a huge circle 180 kilometers wide. This circle was

probably caused by some very large object that hit the earth. When it hit, it may have caused changes in the earth's climate and sea levels. These changes may have _____.

- A. helped the dinosaurs to live longer
- B. been necessary for the dinosaurs
- C. killed the dinosaurs in Mexico
- D. been disastrous for dinosaurs

56. Many highland minorities in Cambodia do not speak Khmer, speaking their own dialect. Most of them live in isolated villages that are connected by a series of dirt tracks. They have had little contact with the outside world, and _____.

- A. have to learn Khmer to improve their living standard
- B. need to repair the roads every frequently to facilitate their trips out of the province
- C. have been able to retain many of their traditional practices
- D. start to learn Khmer now

57. Strange things happen when there is a full moon. More babies are born. Cats and other pets become restless. Some people cannot sleep. So it is not surprising that when the moon is full _____.

- A. people sleep well
- B. the sky seems darker
- C. there are more cars accidents
- D. dogs are quite

58. The connection between sunlight and cancer has been known for a long time. In 1894, German scientists claimed that too much sun could cause skin cancer. Then in 1928, an English scientist proved that this theory was true. Today, there are many kinds of skin cream to protect against the danger of skin cancer. Doctors advise everyone, especially young people, to use these creams when they stay in the sun. A recent study shows, however, that this advice is not being followed. In fact, most young people _____.

- A. stay out of the sun
- B. do not use these creams
- C. use these creams
- D. do not want to get cancer

For question 59 – 67, read the passage below and then choose the best answer for each question. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

Line Deforestation has only recently been recognized as a global problem. Even today,
governments and individuals believe that only those countries using up their forests
will be affected by it. However, scientists are convinced that the world's forests must
be preserved. They base their conviction on scientific data that prove the importance
5 of forests to all people everywhere.

10 Deforestation is occurring most rapidly. This is specifically true in the tropical regions
of the world. Where there once were fertile forests, there are now deserts. The trees
have been cut and the land has been left without protection. Only now that the damage
has been done do experts understand the fragility of the balance in nature. Because of
the dense vegetation of the tropical forests, such areas use great amounts of carbon
dioxide, and produce great amounts of water vapor and oxygen. Without the benefit of
these trees, the climatic patterns of the world have changed; drought has occurred in
some areas because of the changes in climate. Experts say the only answer is to
preserve what forest we still have and to conserve wood in every possible way. By

15 cutting only mature trees, by planting new trees, and by managing the world's forests; we can be sure of an abundance of forests and forest products for future generations.

59. What does "it" in line 3 refer to?
A. forest B. deforestation C. global problem D. scientific data
60. What solution has been suggested by the writer concerning deforestation?
A. Cut all mature trees and plant new ones.
B. Use scientific data to show the problems of deforestation.
C. Preserve only tropical areas and manage these areas carefully.
D. Conserve the existing forests and plant new trees.
61. The word "drought" in line 12 means _____.
A. a period of dryness B. a forest fire C. a decrease of trees D. an increase in temperature
62. In what way do forests help maintain the balance in nature?
A. They absorb carbon dioxide and increase water vapor and oxygen.
B. They cause severe changes in the weather patterns.
C. They protect the land from severe weather.
D. They increase pollution in the atmosphere.
63. Which is NOT the result of excessive wood-cutting operation?
A. The soil lacks fertility B. Drought has occurred
C. The world's energy supply decreases D. Trees use a great amount of carbon dioxide.
64. What is the main idea of this passage?
A. The tropical forests B. Wood-cutting operations
C. Effects of deforestation D. Problems of climatic changes
65. "Only now that the damage has been done do experts understand the fragility of the balance in nature." What does this sentence mean?
A. The experts understand that the damage leads to imbalance in nature.
B. The damage that has occurred shows that the natural balance is easily affected.
C. The experts have to understand the natural imbalance in order to know the damage.
D. The fragility of the balance in nature has caused the experts to study the damage.
66. Which statement is NOT true according to the passage?
A. Forests are an important source of energy
B. Tropical forests are not the only area threatened by deforestation
C. The entire tropical forests have become deserts
D. Preservation of trees is a means to save the world from deforestation
67. What evidence has been used to show that forests are important to everybody?
A. new scientific experiment B. new scientific data
C. new forest products D. government and individual belief

For question 68 – 73, choose the most suitable heading from the list A – G for each part (68 – 73) of the article. There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

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| A | How human language works |
| B | How language fits the place |
| C | Cleverer than you imagine |
| D | A level of communication |
| E | A matter of choice? |
| F | Avoiding an identify crisis |
| G | A sign in common |

Understanding Your Owner

68.

Although I know that many of you think the opposite, most human beings have a high level of intelligence, a good memory and can solve a great deal of problems. They live longer and therefore tend to be much more aware of past and future than we are.

69.

Humans communicate by a set of sounds which carry meaning from the order in which they are placed and which vary from territory to territory, so that some humans find difficulty in communicating with others according to where they come from – if they have been raised in a different country and have not had special training. They have also invented a set of marks on paper which they use to represent these sounds and which you may often see them concentrating on. In these two ways they have developed their eyes and ears to a higher level of interpretation than ourselves, but in doing so they have lost the ability to gather much of the information which we continually do both from these and our other senses.

70.

Most dogs are able to interpret at least part of the vocabulary (voice meanings) of humans, and some of us have learned to recognize some of the patterns of marks which they use to record them on paper so that humans at a different time and in a different place can understand their messages, but it would put our other abilities into danger if we ourselves developed these skills very far. Fortunately, most humans are able to understand a similar amount of our communicatory sounds and behavior.

71.

Try going up to a human, sitting down in front of him and raising a front paw in a gesture. He will almost certainly take it and give it a shake, because it is a greeting gesture for humans, too. He will think you are behaving like a human – and nothing seems to please humans more.

72.

Carefully, there is danger here! You are not a human. You are a dog – and if you are going to be at all happy you should never forget it. You need to live as a dog. It is all very well changing yourself slightly to fit in with a human pack, but if you deny your true nature you are going to end up a mad dog and, humans will think, a bad dog.

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There is always a reason for any animal choosing to live an animal of a different sort, but all too often we have no choice. We have to live with humans and we have to join a pack that is forced on us, so there is not much you can do about it. But humans have consciously decided that they want us with them, although not necessarily for the reason that they believe. They may need a dog to help with some specific tasks like hunting or guiding. They may want you as a watch dog to keep burglars away. They may just want you to make other humans look at them, because your breed is expensive and fashionable. Or they may simply be in desperate need of companionship, of something to love.

For questions 74 – 80, eight sentences have been removed from this article. Choose from the sentences A – I the one which fits each gap (74 – 80). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

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| A | It is very similar to riding on the back of a motorbike |
| B | We still haven't worked the problem out |
| C | The other half of the bike feels like lead |
| D | Often, the front end misses but the rear doesn't |
| E | You do get noticed |
| F | All that is needed is a bit of practice |
| G | It's not a good idea to bottle up your feelings |
| H | Mind you, we're quite competitive |
| I | Communication is the most important of these |

Two for the Open Road

Mike Strutt looks at riding a bicycle made for two

Riding a tandem is the best test of how well two people get on that anyone could devise. There you are, stuck with someone on a bike and sharing two pairs of pedals that must be turned together. Ian and Cathie Grout are still on good terms after covering thousands of miles on their tandem. How do they achieve harmony on a tandem? "You have to develop certain skills which aren't normal cycling skills," say Ian. "(0) I You have to let each other know what is going to happen next."

Cathie Grout, who is French and teaches French, says: "(74) _____. We started getting annoyed with each other when we were cycling recently, so we stopped to have a row. We suddenly realized we'd have to sort it out before we could continue the journey."

Ian adds: “Tandems are wonderful things to ride when you know them well. There is something very satisfying about both of you putting energy into the same device.” (75)_____. When Cathie’s at the back, she’d like the back end of the bike to overtake the front. The end result is very good energy efficiency from both of us.

Ian goes on: “It’s no good if one of you isn’t doing your share. You can tell when your partner isn’t having a good day ...” Cathie finishes his sentence for him: “(76)_____.”

Who becomes the “steersman” at the front, and who should be the “stoker” pedaling away the back? The Grouts say that the answer depends on temperament. “Going fast downhill and cornering at speed requires blind faith by the stoker,” Ian says. “(77)_____. The difference is that you have more control because you are part of the power being generated and you have a brake.”

Holes in the road can be annoying for stokers, as Ian explains, “(78)_____. The steersman swerves to miss them, but at the back you don’t see them coming.”

Stopping at junctions is a source of argument. Cathie explains why: “Ian tends to look and start off while I might still be looking and see a car coming, so I stop. (79)_____. That’s because, basically, he always thinks he’s right.”

They have toured with the tandem in Britain, Europe and the United States, where they covered 600 miles in three weeks. Cathie says: “(80)_____. In small towns people come and talk to you. You are regarded as rather strange people – but nice ones.”